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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Rodney Rothstein et al.  
Serial No. : 09/814,661 Examiner: K. Canella  
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For : SMALL PROTEIN THAT INTERACTS WITH A  
RIBONUCLEOTIDE REDUCTASE SUBUNIT AND USES  
THEREOF

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO  
OCTOBER 15, 2002 RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT  
AND PETITION FOR TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

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This Communication is submitted in response to the October 15, 2002 Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the October 15, 2002 Office Action was originally due November 14, 2002. Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time. The required fee for a two-month extension of time for a small entity is TWO HUNDRED AND FIVE DOLLARS (\$205.00) and a check for this amount is enclosed. A response to the October 15, 2002 Office Action is now due January 14, 2003. Accordingly, this Communication is being timely filed.

In the Office Action, the Examiner restricted pending claims 1-36 to one of the following allegedly distinct inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121:

I. Claims 1-3, drawn to isolated SmL1 protein and homologues thereof;

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